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IMPORT TRADE CONTROL

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SUBJECT.—*Inclusion of Argentine and Paraguay in the Soft Currency Area.*

No. 157-ITC(P.N.)/50.—It has been decided that Argentine and Paraguay should be treated with immediate effect as part of the Soft Currency Area for purposes of Import Trade Control.

2. By Notifications Nos. 54, 55 and 56-ITC/50 dated the 5th December 1950 the scope of Open General Licence Nos. XVI, XVII and XX has been extended to Argentine and Paraguay.

3. Licences already issued by the Chief Controller of Imports, Deputy Chief Controller of Imports at the ports or the Import Trade Controllers and which are still valid for import from Soft Currency Area may, therefore, be made valid for imports from Argentine and Paraguay at the request of the licence holder. Similarly such licences as are valid for imports from Argentine and Paraguay may be made valid on demand for imports from any country in the Soft Currency Area. Applications for alteration in the country of origin in accordance with this paragraph may be made to the Chief Controller of Imports or to any of the offices of the Deputy Chief Controller of Imports or Import Trade Controllers at the ports irrespective of the original office of issue.

4. Amendments will not however be made as indicated in the previous paragraph in any licences issued under Trade Agreements with Soft Currency Countries where the goods were licensable only from the Trade Agreement Country concerned and not from the Soft Currency Area as a whole.

5. Applications (if any) for import licences for Soft Currency Countries and for the Argentine and Paraguay for the period July-December 1950 or for January-June 1951 under the Long Term Licensing Scheme which have already been submitted, but have not been dealt with to date in the Import Trade Control Offices concerned, will continue to be dealt with in accordance with the principles already announced in that behalf for those periods. Licences issued in response to such applications may be amended on demand in the manner indicated in paragraphs 3 and 4 above.

SUBJECT.—*Inclusion of Switzerland in the Soft Currency Area.*

No. 158-ITC(P.N.)/50.—It has been decided that Switzerland which has hitherto been in the hard currency area, should be treated with immediate effect as part of the soft currency area for purposes of Import Trade Control.

2. By Notifications Nos. 54, 55 and 56-ITC/50 dated the 5th December 1950 the scope of Open General Licences Nos. XVI, XVII and XX has been extended to Switzerland. Schedule B to Open General Licence No. XXI already applies to imports from Switzerland.

3. Licences already issued by the Chief Controller of Imports, Deputy Chief Controller of Imports at the ports or the Import Trade Controllers and which are still valid for imports from Switzerland may be made valid on demand for import from any country in the soft currency area. Similarly licences already issued for any country in the soft currency area and which are still valid should be made valid for Switzerland at the request of the licence holder. Applications for alteration in the country of origin in licences in accordance with this paragraph may be made to the Chief Controller of Imports or to any of the offices of the Deputy Chief Controller of Imports or Import Trade Controllers at the ports irrespective of the original office of issue.

4. Amendments will not however be made as indicated in the previous paragraph in the case of:—

- (1) any licences granted under Trade Agreements with soft currency countries where the goods were licensable only from the Trade Agreement country concerned and not from the soft currency area as a whole.
- (2) any licences granted for imports from Switzerland of goods which, according to the principles laid down in Public Notice No. 14-ITC(P.N.)/50 dated the 15th June, 1950, are not licensable from the soft currency area as a whole.

5. Licences will continue to be granted against applications for July-December 1950, or against applications for January-June 1951 under the Long Term Licensing Scheme, in the manner indicated in Public Notice No. 14-ITC(P.N.)/50 dated the 15th June, 1950. Such licences however may be amended on demand in the manner indicated in paragraphs 3 and 4 above

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